

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved funding for a new MART maintenance facility in Gardner, Massachusetts. Olver secured the funding in the FY08 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations bill. Olver is the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and HUD and worked in the Senate to secure this funding. The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciliation bill. "This facility will be a great asset to the city of Gardner. It will ensure that MART's fleet is safe and well-maintained," Olver said. MART currently rents its space in Gardner. The rental space does not have indoor storage for MART buses. The funding will also establish a park-and-ride service to the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line. The total cost of the project is \$5.385 million. Previously, Congressman Olver secured \$233,000 in FY07 funding for the facility.

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